

Join the Dots



Why get involved?

- Being part of the Join the Dots programme will:
- Give Year 13 students in your school access to a programme of transition support
 - Build and strengthen links between your school and different destination universities
 - Give you access to a bank of resources which can be used to support all of your Year 13 students with university transition
 - Support your school's approach to Gatsby benchmarks 3, 7 and 8, by:
 3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
 7. Providing encounters with further and higher education
 8. Offering personal guidance



Programme impact

The programme is designed to support students to succeed at university. The long-term outcomes we will measure are second year completion, degree completion and degree outcomes. We'll also measure intermediate outcomes immediately after the programme, including students':

- Sense of belonging
- Academic self-efficacy
- Study strategy use

Student selection

The Brilliant Club will work with teachers to select students who are most likely to benefit from being involved in the Join the Dots programme.

The Brilliant Club requires that all students have chosen a participating university as their firm choice and that at least 55% of students registered on the programme fulfil at least one of the following targeting criteria:

- Pupil Premium eligible
- No parental history of Higher Education
- Deprivation according to postcode: IDAC1 1 – 4

Join the Dots will be free for schools participating in the pilot year.

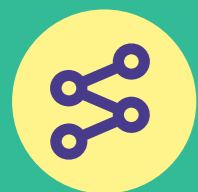
Find out more

To find out more about taking part in the Join the Dots pilot, get in touch with Victoria Dee, Head of School Partnerships, victoria.dee@thebrilliantclub.org. Read more about the programme [here](#).



What is Join the Dots?

Join the Dots is a national programme built on the principles of **community, connections** and **coaching**. It brings together schools and universities to develop networks of support for students during the transition to university. It is targeted at students who are most likely to face barriers in making a successful transition to university, and who are at risk of missing out on the life-changing opportunities that come from successfully earning a degree from a competitive university.



Connections



Communities



Coaching

How does the programme work?

The programme connects schools, universities and students to share knowledge and set goals for a successful transition to university. It builds communities of students to identify, discuss and address shared challenges and foster a sense of belonging at university.

Students begin the programme by meeting a teacher from their school or college in July after their exams to begin preparing for the transition to university. Once students' participation is confirmed on results day, they are matched with a PhD Coach from the university they are going to. The PhD Coach then supports students through coaching (1-1 and peer group) and provides a link for students between their school and their university's support systems.

Timeline

